

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent 4,313,124  
U.S. Patent 4,345,262  
U.S. Patent 4,368,047  
U.S. Patent 4,459,600  
U.S. Patent 4,463,359  
U.S. Patent 4,472,479  
U.S. Patent 4,558,333  
U.S. Patent 4,608,577  
U.S. Patent 4,723,129  
U.S. Patent 4,740,796  
U.S. Patent 4,799,756  
U.S. Patent 4,855,200  
U.S. Patent 5,084,205  
U.S. Patent 5,218,376  
U.S. Patent 5,279,652  
U.S. Patent 5,485,188  
U.S. Patent 5,560,770  
U.S. Patent 5,580,374  
U.S. Patent 5,609,673  
U.S. Patent 5,614,008  
U.S. Patent 5,637,140  
U.S. Patent 5,665,151  
U.S. Patent 5,674,314  
U.S. Patent 5,681,381  
U.S. Patent 5,710,195  
U.S. Patent 5,743,945  
U.S. Patent 5,769,930  
U.S. Patent 5,795,375  
U.S. Patent 5,852,074  
U.S. Patent 5,861,056  
U.S. Patent 5,865,883  
U.S. Patent 5,871,572  
U.S. Patent 5,932,139  
U.S. Patent 5,938,829  
U.S. Patent 6,024,785  
U.S. Patent 6,051,057  
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These documents were cited in prior parent Application No. 09.923,417, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these documents. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

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		4,368,047	1/11/83	Andrade, et al	435	4	
		4,459,600	7/10/84	Sato, et al	346	140	
		4,463,359	7/31/84	Ayata, et al	346	1.1	
		4,472,479	9/18/84	Hayes, et al	428	324	
		4,558,333	12/10/85	Sugitani, et al	346	140	
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		4,799,756	1/24/89	Hirschfeld	350	96.18	
		4,855,200	8/8/89	Tomita, et al	430	25	
		5,084,205	1/28/92	Auslander	252	301.16	
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